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Response and input on proposed National Animal ID from a small southeast cattle producer.

I background, graze, and feed southeast cattle. The ID program as now proposed will be a disaster for the small cattle producer. It will curtail cattle movement. Cattle from small herds move numerous times for economic reasons. Curtailing movement will effectively eliminate the small herds.

The ID program as now proposed will be the vehicle for industry concentration at the cow-calf level. It favors large herds, large operations, and will fast-forward industry consolidation at the expense of small producers.

Strong Recommendation: promise ID only. It will be sufficient for disease control. Requiring movement ID will be prohibitively expensive. Beyond the expense, there is no way to record movement without having glaring holes of accuracy. To burden the industry with the expense of a system that cannot be accurate is unacceptable.

Promise ID only!! Small producers do in fact make a contribution to the beef industry and have a right to survive.

Sincerely,

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